Sunday 15 November – Second Sunday before Advent

Prayers

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom,
we pray for all Christian people;
for Bishops Guli and Roger, for all Christian leaders,
and for those who teach and guard the faith.
May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts,
and knit us together in the bond of your love.
Lord, hear us.
Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
and for those in authority under them, we pray for our government, all our MPs, our local politicians.
Give them the gift of your wisdom,
and a right discernment in all things.
Lord, hear us.
Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for our community here in Tiptree;
for those who live and work here,
and for those who visit this place.
Speak your word of peace in our midst,
and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.
Lord, hear us.
Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for those who do not believe,
and yet who long to know you, the very Word of life.
Open their ears to hear your voice,
and open their hearts to the knowledge
of your love in Christ.
Lord, hear us.
Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for those bowed down with grief,
fear or sickness,
especially we pray for healing for Jean and Owen and comfort in their grief
for the family and friends of Sally Hunt, Graham Chislett and Sarah Moss.
May your living Word bring comfort and healing
to all those in need.

Lord, hear us.
Lord graciously hear us.

We give thanks for all those who have died in the
faith of Christ
and we rejoice with Luke all your saints,
trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled. We remember those named in our Memorial book for this week: Elaine Corbett, Minnie Bond, Tony Webb and Christopher Brace.

Lord, hear us.
Lord graciously hear us.

Lord and judge of all, grant to us
and to all those who long for your appearing
the crown of righteousness on the great day
of your coming.
Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.